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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A blank for a container <u>wall</u> comprising:

an upper and a lower peripheral edge;

first and second connection edges laterally connecting said peripheral edges,

each of said connection edges extending along overlap regions which are

interconnectable for shaping the container; and

at least one peripheral recess that is open to the outside and formed in each of the overlap regions, said peripheral recesses overlapping one another at least in part upon connection of the overlap regions so as to form at least one inspection opening,

a first overlap line and a second overlap line, wherein upon connection of the overlap regions, the first connection edge substantially aligns with the second overlap line and the second connection edge substantially aligns with the first overlap line,

wherein an inner edge of a first one of the overlapping peripheral recesses extends at least in part along the first overlap line and an inner edge of a second one of the overlapping peripheral recesses extends at least in part along the second overlap line.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 1, wherein the blank forms a wall of the container.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 1 wherein the peripheral recesses are arranged at the same distance from the upper and lower peripheral edge.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 1 wherein each peripheral recess is

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at least one or semi-circular, arcuate and rectangular.

5. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 1 wherein the peripheral recesses

are equally spaced apart from one another along their respective overlap region.

6. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 1 wherein the peripheral recesses

have the same cross-section.

7. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 1 wherein the peripheral recesses

extend up to an inner overlap line of their respective overlap region.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 1 wherein the peripheral recesses

are at least surrounded in part by a coating area.

10. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 1 wherein the at least one inspection

opening is at least one of substantially circular, rectangular and oval in cross-section.

11. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 1 wherein the at least one inspection

opening is substantially slotted in cross-section.

12-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A container comprising

a container wall formed from a blank, wherein the blank includes upper and lower

peripheral edges and first and second connection edges, each connection edge extending along a

respective overlap region and including at least one peripheral recess, the connection edges being

attached at the overlap regions;

a bottom member attached to the lower peripheral edge of the container wall;

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a first overlap line and a second overlap line, wherein upon connection of the overlap regions, the first connection edge substantially aligns with the second overlap line and the second connection edge substantially aligns with the first overlap line; and

at least one inspection opening formed by at least partially overlapping peripheral recesses in the overlap regions,

wherein an inner edge of a first one of the overlapping peripheral recesses extends at least in part along the first overlap line and an inner edge of a second one of the overlapping peripheral recesses extends at least in part along the second overlap line.

- 23. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 22, wherein the lower peripheral edge of the container wall includes a receiving channel that is adapted to receive a peripheral flange of the bottom member.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 22, wherein the upper peripheral edge of the container wall includes a mouth roll formed by at least one of flanging and flat-pressing.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 22, wherein the at least one inspection opening is sealed in fluid-tight fashion by at least one of a film and a coating that is substantially transparent.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the film and the coating extends along the overlap region.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the film and the coating is covered by at least one connection edge disposed on the inside of the container.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the film and the coating extends from inside the container around the first connection edge disposed

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on the inside of the container up to at least the second connection edge disposed on the outside of the container.

29. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the film and the coating includes at least one of an imprint and a coloration.

- 30. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 22, further comprising a flap-like cover disposed on an outer surface of the container wall over the at least one inspection opening.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 22, further comprising a cover disposed on an outer surface of the container wall over the at least one inspection opening, wherein the cover is at least one of self-adhesive and peelable.
- 32. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 1 wherein each of the peripheral recesses is formed only in a corresponding one of the overlap regions.
- 33. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 1 wherein the inner edge of each peripheral recess is between two side portions of the peripheral recess.
- 34. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 33, wherein upon connection of the overlap regions, the side portions of the peripheral recesses do not overlap either the first overlap line or the second overlap line.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 1 wherein each of the peripheral recesses is formed only in a corresponding one of the overlap regions.